

**Andrew Jackson to Louis de Tousard, March 4, 1815,
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TO THE CHEVALIER DE TOUSARD.

New Orleans, March 4, 1815.

The commanding general has deliberated with great attention, on the application of Col Tousard, requesting that the French subjects may be permitted to remain in the City of New Orleans on giving security for their good conduct.

Did he believe that the safety of the City and of his Camp would allow the indulgence which has been asked, it would be highly gratifying to his feelings to grant it; but the conduct and dispositions recently displayed by many of those claiming to be French subjects, and which are hourly becoming more pointed and more dangerous put it out of his power, consistently with his sense of the important duties which have been committed to him, to relax from his general order. *It must be enforced* .

If this measure shall be found to work a hardship upon some whose conduct has merited none, it will be ascribed to the imperious circumstances which have made a resort to it necessary, and the impossibility of giving to it any but a general operation.

The moment the necessity shall cease to exist which has compelled the undersigned so reluctantly to adopt this measure, he will hasten with the greatest satisfaction to remove it. Until then, he must adhere to the performance of his duty however painful.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Sir yr mst obt st